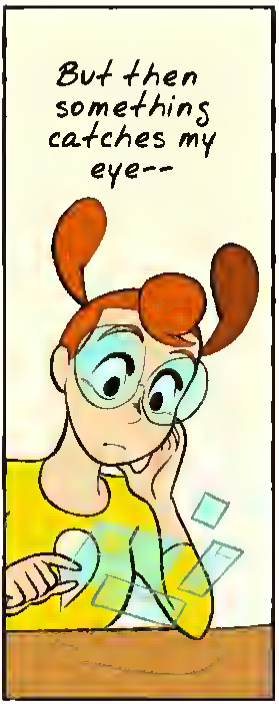
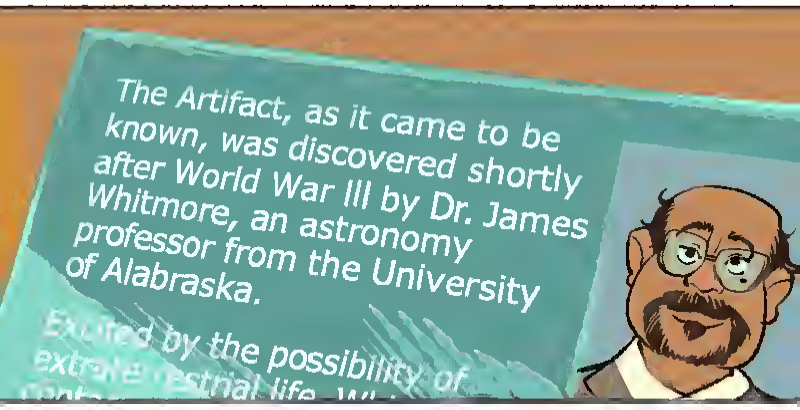
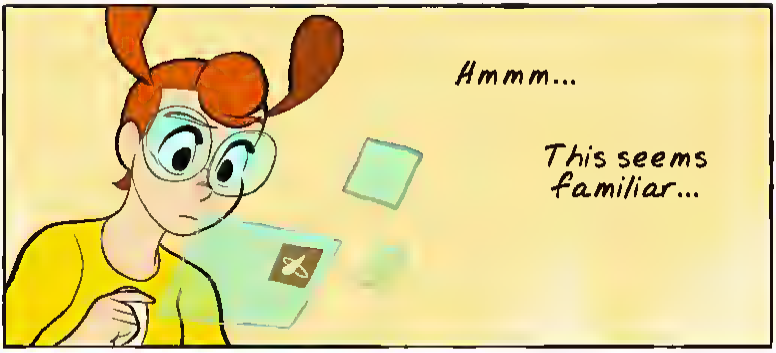

But then somethins catches my eye--

An article about a mysterious object discovered in the far reaches of space...


The Artifact, as it came to be known, was discovered shortly after World War III by Dr. James Whitmore, an astronomy professor from the University of Alabraska.
Excited by the possibility of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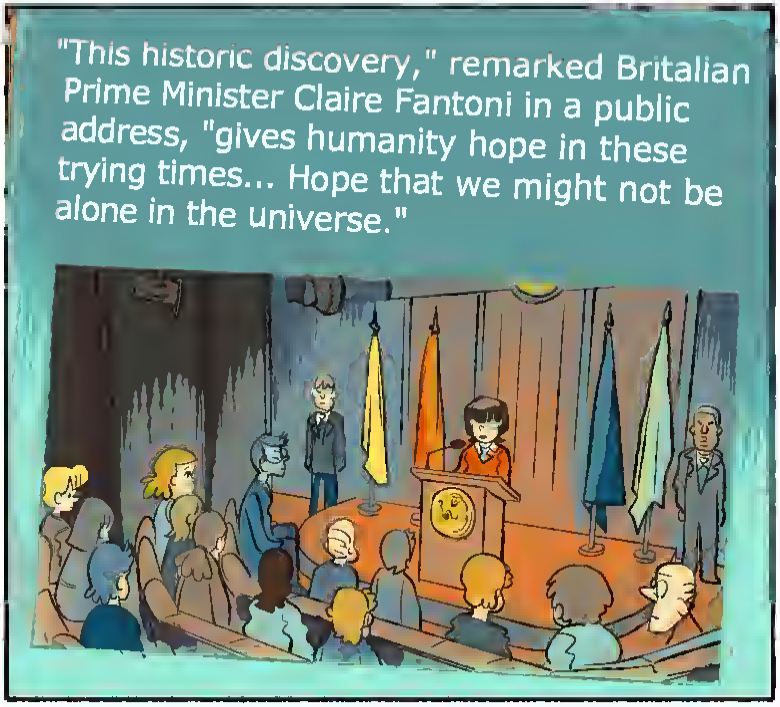
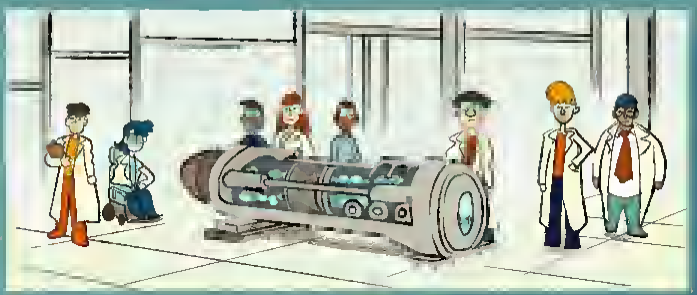
This seems familiar...


"This historic discovery," remarked Britalian Prime Minister Claire Fantoni in a public address, "gives humanity hope in these trying times... Hope that we might not be alone in the universe."

A week after Fantoni's speech, the Vietnamerican government announced they were working on a probe capable of making the 322 year journey to the Artifact.



Fearing what might happen if Vietnamerica were to reach the Artifact first, many other countries followed suit-- announcing similar projects of their own.

"A race is afoot," declared the Newark Times, "And the prize is the Artifact, and whatever treasure of alien technology it might contain."

In February of 3026, Vietnamerican counterintelligence caught a Cubanian spy trying to sabotage their probe.

Tension mounted and many feared another war would break out.

In his speech at the Global Alliance Summit, Germexican Chancellor Hans Costa called for unity and reconciliation:

After the bitter experiences of World War III, can we really afford to risk peace for the sake of this contentious space race?

Costa continued by asking the Global Alliance to create a space program that would be run cooperatively by a council of representatives from any government interested in participating.

By August of that year, 26 countries had joined the program, including Vietnamerica, and soon after that the First Contact Project was launched under the slogan, "One World, One Mission."
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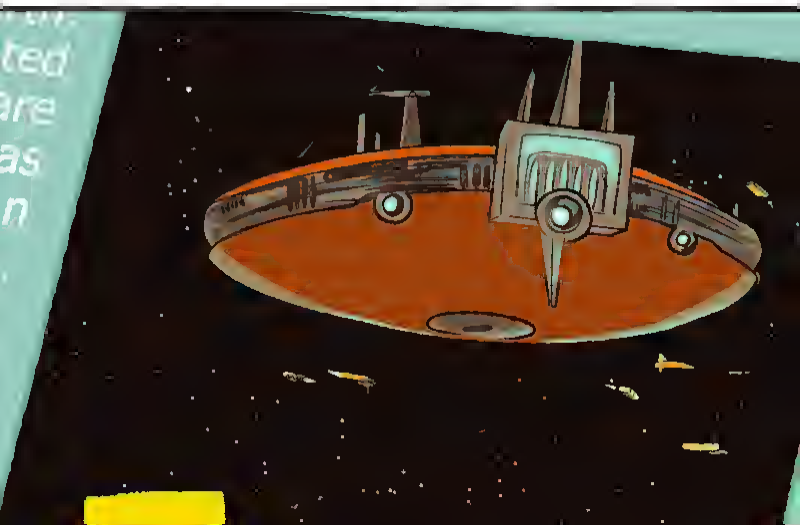
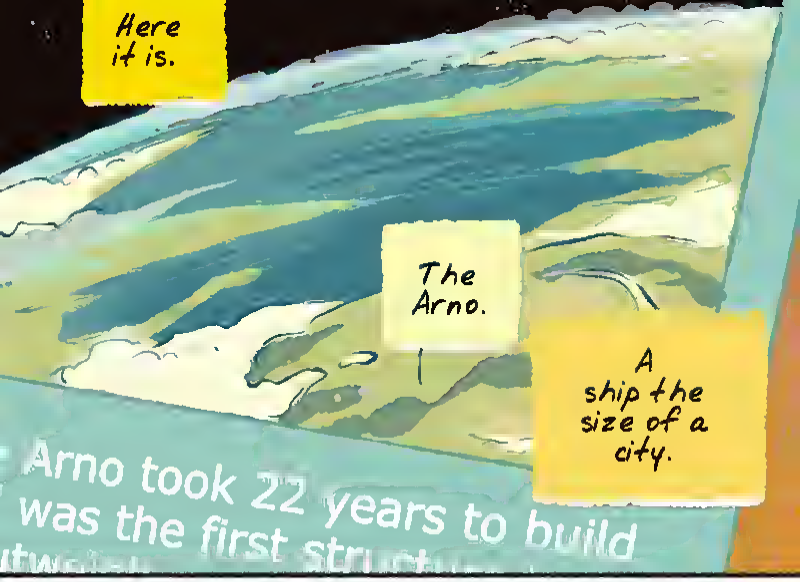
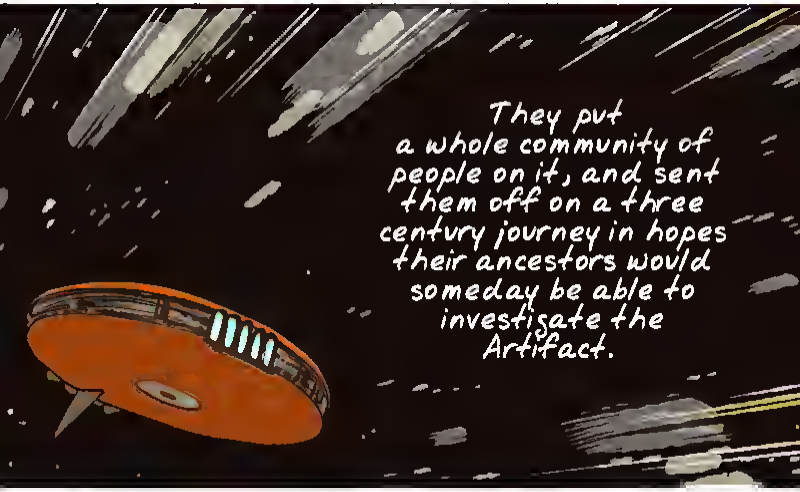
Oh!
I remember now!

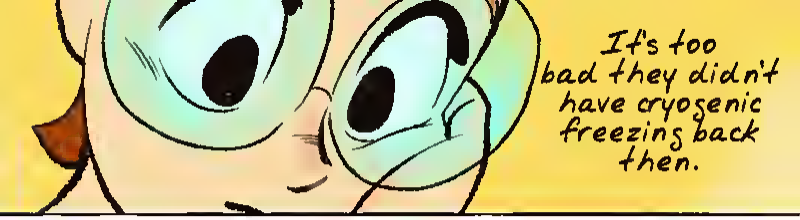
I learned about this in Ms. Baker's class.

Didn't they build a giant spaceship or something?




Here it is.
The Arno.
A ship the size of a city.
Arno took 22 years to build
was the first


They put a whole community of people on it, and sent them off on a three century journey in hopes their ancestors would someday be able to investigate the Artifact.



Launched in April of 3051...

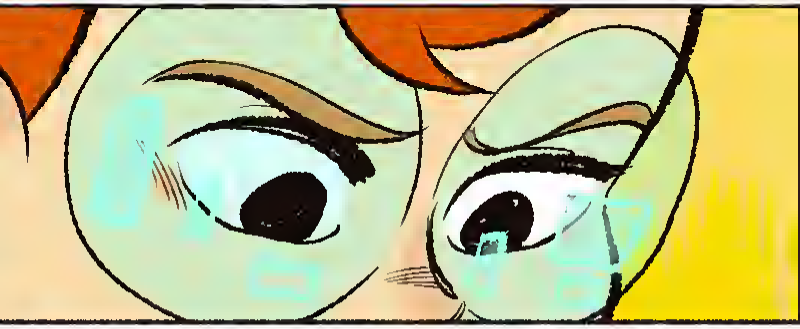
Wait, that would mean...

...the Arno reached

the Artifact four years ago!

I missed it because I was in stasis...

I want to know what they found out there!



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a nearby star...

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322 year historic mission, which was hoped to shed so
light on the...

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Peter Langley, Director of the First Contact Project is n
being called into question for the unauthorized data er

Arno Heavily Damaged by Solar Flare
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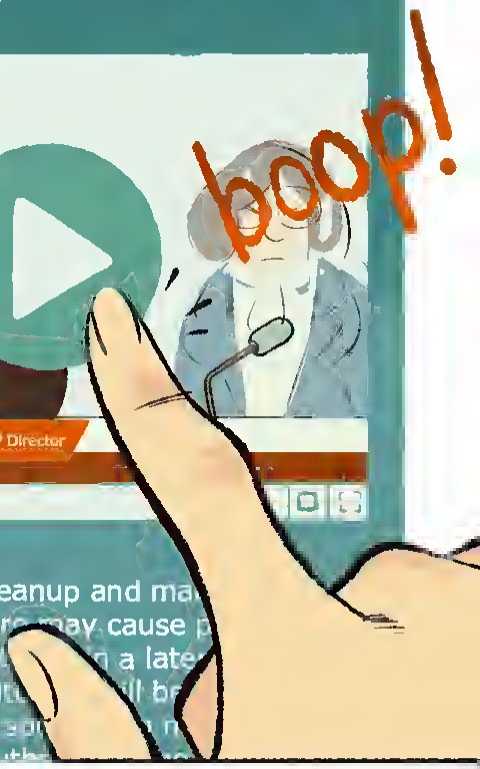
Last night around 2:16 AM EST, the Arno was passing through the Aquarii Beta system, when it was hit by a solar flare that erupted from a nearby star. The resulting electromagnetic pulse knocked out life support systems, compromised primary shielding and overloaded the Meridium drive. Though emergency measures were taken, nine crew members died, and 38 more were injured.

Peter Langley, Director of the First Contact Project, gave a press conference this morning, explaining the accident:



Experts say that cleanup and ma
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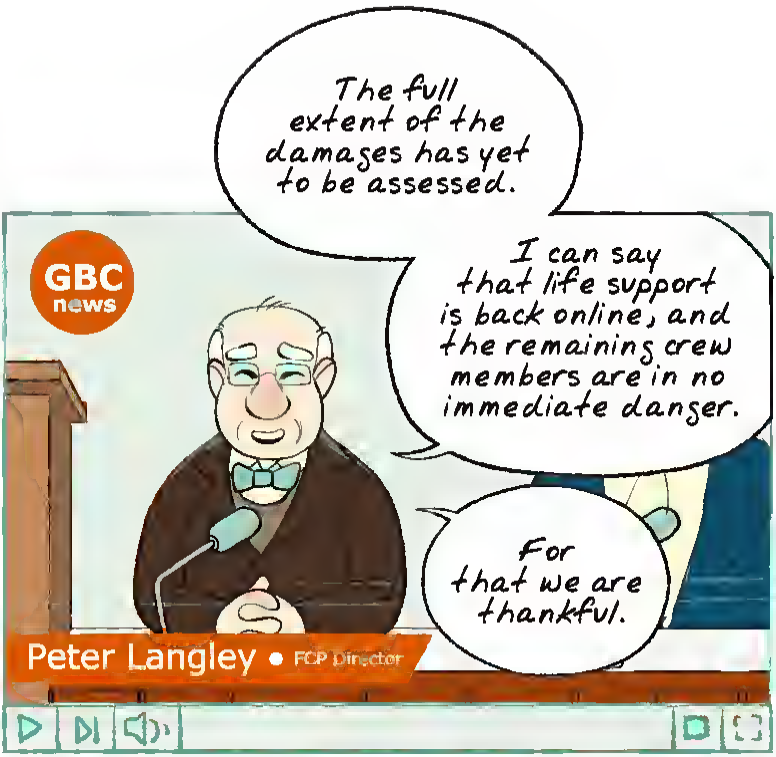
hopeful that the ou ll be
Artifact, which has


The full extent of the damages has yet to be assessed.
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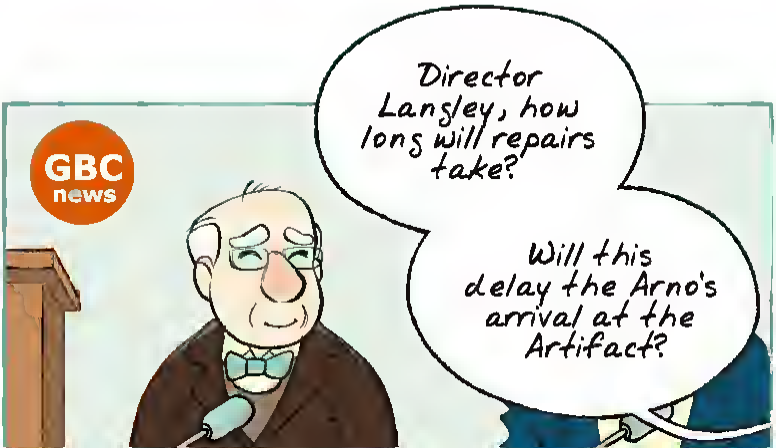
I can say that life support is back online, and the remaining crew members are in no immediate danger.
For that we are thankful.
Peter Langley • FCP Director


Director Langley, how long will repairs take?
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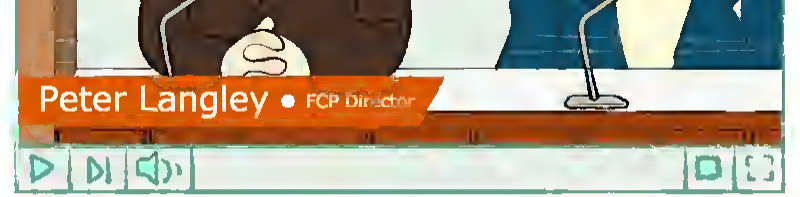
Will this delay the Arno's arrival at the Artifact?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Unfortunately, yes.
It's a disheartening setback to be sure.
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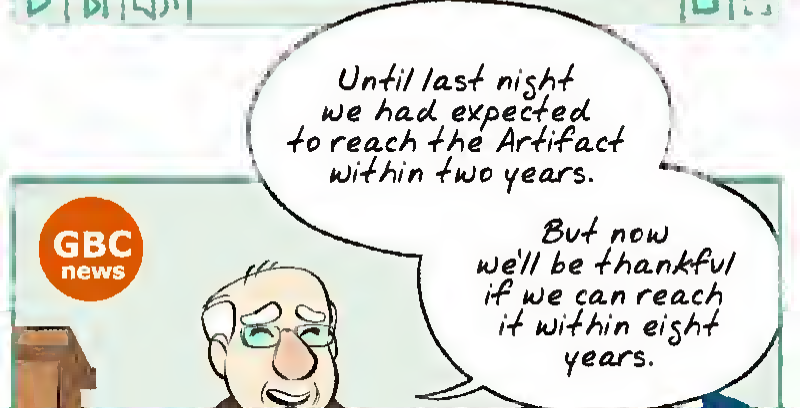
Until last night we had expected to reach the Artifact within two years.
But now we'll be thankful if we can reach it within eight years.
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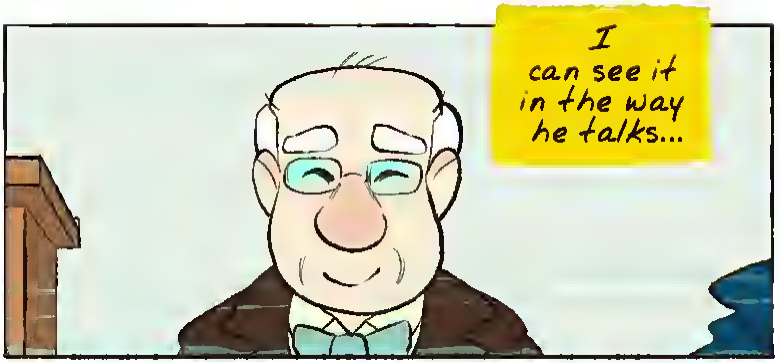
Why so long, sir?
Peter Langley • FCP Director

Well, the core of the meridium drive may need to be replaced, which would involve sending a team out to nearby planets to look for meridium deposits.
We are however, optimistic that--
This director

Joy...

There's something strange about his flavor.



For some reason the Arno and the First Contact Project fascinate me.
I stay up late reading everything I can.

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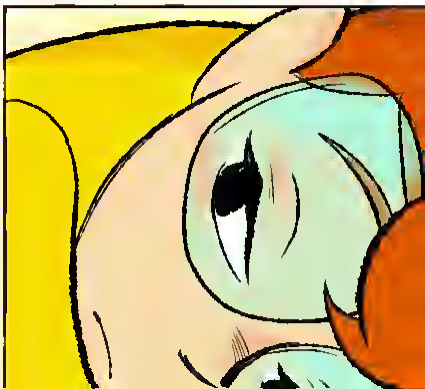
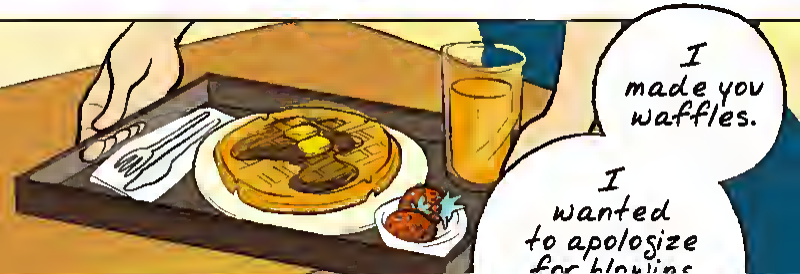
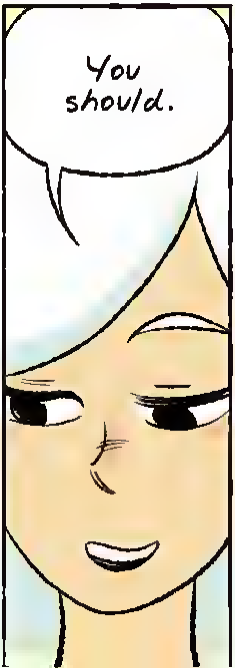


Mornings, Amy!
Oh, you're up already--
Um...
...yeah.


I made you waffles.
I wanted to apologize

up at you yesterday.
Aw, thanks mom.
You're still grounded though.
Aw...
Thanks, mom.
Have you looked outside yet?

No...


You should.

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Basic

"Thank you for all the wonderful, heartwarming, content you do!"

Beautiful painting technique--
I like the hearts hidden in her eyes...
Thank you!

Remy

"Hello! I just wanted to say that my little sister and I love your webtoon Space Boy so much!

Here is my little sister's drawing of Amy (her favorite character) dressed in hanbok, a traditional Korean dress."

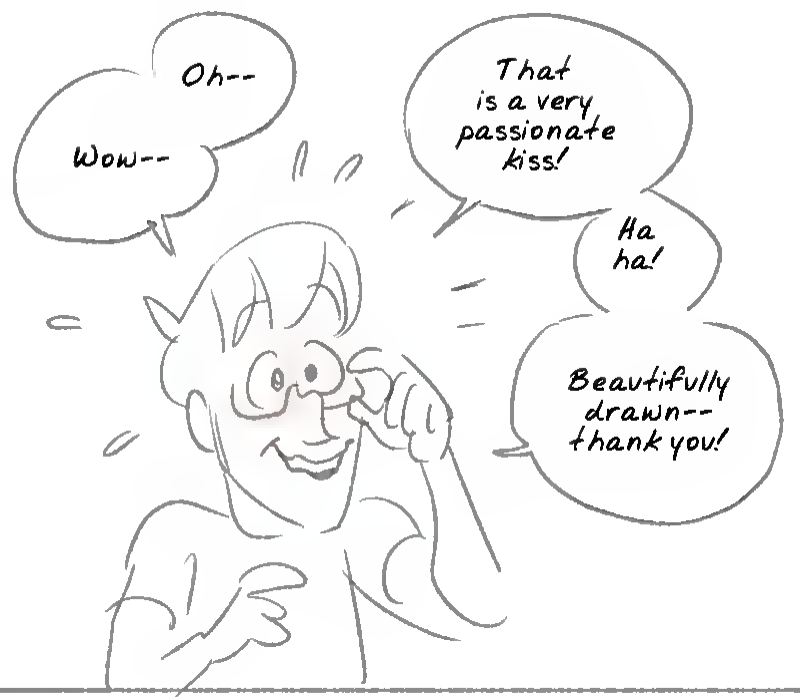
"And here's my quick drawing of a casual Oliver holding a bouquet of flowers (I wonder who they're for *wink wink)"

These are so cute!
I like how even though Oliver's just carrying flowers, he has to do it in the coolest way possible-- over his shoulder. :3
Also Amy looks adorable in a hanbok.

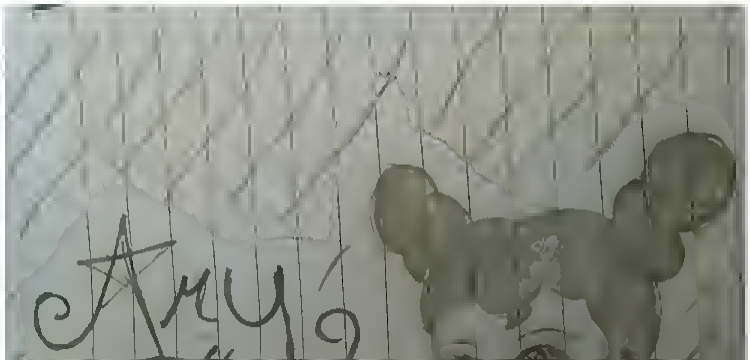
Chyna

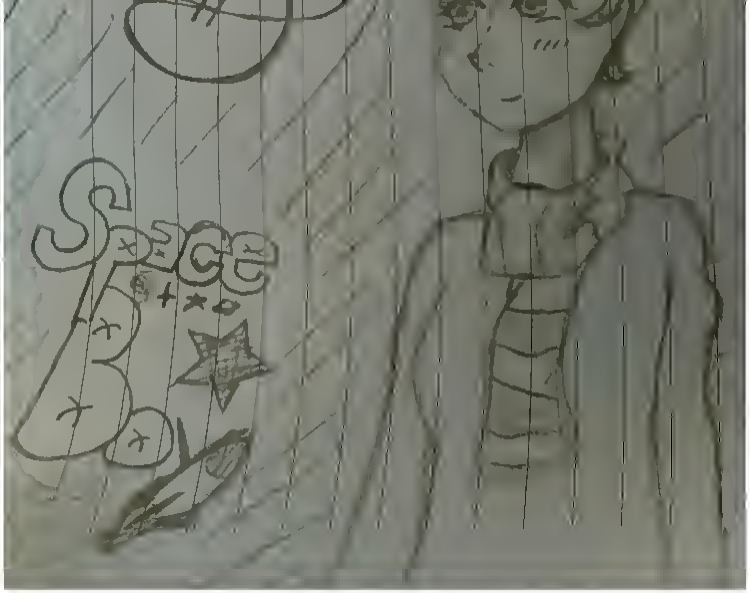
"Keep up the good work! I hope you like my

fanart since I don't usually do these kinds of things for authors, you're the first actually. My mom saw me painting it and I was so embarrassed....hahaha she was like "Ewww kissing."


Oh--
Wow--
That is a very passionate kiss!
Ha ha!
Beautifully drawn-- thank you!

Rowan

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FabulousFangirl

"I love you comic and it is what I look forward to every week. Continve to be amazing!"

Ha, ha--
This is awesome!
Thank you!